

Announcing

The Professor Ernst I. Schürer Citizens for Diversity in Education

\$1,000 “Grow Your Own” Scholarship

In honor of Ernst I. Schürer, Carteret County resident, world traveler, educator, and champion of fairness and equity, Citizens for Diversity in Education offers a scholarship of \$1,000 to a graduating senior of color from a Carteret County high school who will attend a two- or four-year college or university in the fall of 2025. The purpose of the scholarship is to “Grow Our Own” crop of college educated citizens of color who can contribute to our community, especially but not limited to our schools.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 15, 2026. Applicants will be ranked according to academic strength, financial need, and engagement in school and community. Additional points will be awarded to students who intend to pursue a career in teaching, further points will be awarded to students who intend to return to Carteret County to live and work. Recipients of the scholarship are welcome to reapply in subsequent years.

Application form on next page. Students who need assistance filling out the form may contact Susan Schürer at schurer4905@gmail.com or (570) 594-4984. CDE will appoint a mentor to help.

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Application Form

(Application must be legible. Each item must be answered.)

PERSONAL DATA

LAST NAME _____	FIRST _____	MIDDLE INITIAL _____
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Home Address _____

City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
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Home telephone number (____) _____ E-mail address _____

Date of birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Mother and Father or Guardian _____	Address _____	Phone Number _____
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Mother’s Occupation _____	Name of Employer _____
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Father’s Occupation _____	Name of Employer _____
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Provide number and ages of siblings living in the home, including applicant.

Number of sibling(s) in school _____ Number of sibling(s) enrolled in college _____

Number of sibling(s) employed full time who live at home _____.

Are there other dependents in your family? _____ If so, what is relationship to you?
_____.

Do you depend on your parent(s)? _____ All the time? _____ Half the time _____
Less than half _____ Are you an independent student? _____

What is your FAFSA score (EFC number)? _____

Have you received any scholarships so far? If so, please list them _____

Please list your school and community memberships and your contributions to them?

Church Affiliation and Address _____

List any other extra - curricular activities _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School _____ Address of High School _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Please submit a current or recent Transcript form your high school with your application.

SAT/ACT Score _____

Which colleges and/or universities have you been accepted to attend? Please submit a copy of the letter(s) of acceptance for each college.

Which college or university do you plan to attend?

List any academic honors received: _____

What is your intended major, course of study and/or career goals? Do you intend to become a teacher? _____

Do you intend to return to and live in Carteret County?

Please include with your application three letters of recommendation: Two from your school faculty or staff and one from a community member.

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Please write a statement of 400-500 words highlighting the significance of diversity in your educational and life experience. What challenges have you faced? How did you respond to those challenges? How will this scholarship help you reach your goals?

Please check each:

- ☐ I understand that the scholarship is intended for study at a two- or four-year college or university to begin in the fall of 2025.
- ☐ I understand that the scholarship is not intended for any other type of program: sports or artistic camps, travel, tours, or other personal edification.
- ☐ I understand that I must submit a copy of my formal fall semester course list from the university to CDE as soon as I receive the list in the summer of 2025.
- ☐ I understand that the scholarship monies will be sent to me personally to defray costs of books and technology required for study shortly after CDE received my course list for the fall. Funds will NOT be sent directly to the college for tuition or other costs unless requested by my parents.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of parent if applicant is under 18 years of age: _____

Date: _____

Completed application and documentation must be received **by March 15, 2026**

Scan application and send by email to: cde4carteret@gmail.com and also to schurer4905@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY TO BE SURE YOU HAVE ANSWERED EACH ITEM, COMPLETED THE ENTIRE APPLICATION, AND SUPPLIED THE NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS (Transcript, statement on diversity in education, 3 letters of recommendation, and a copy of at least one college acceptance letter.)